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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yoshinori MIWA et al.)
Application No.: 09/819,671)
Filed: March 29, 2001)
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND DEVICE)
MANUFACTURING METHOD)
	: Examiner: K. Brown
	: Group Art Unit: 2877
	: Confirmation No.: 3160
	: August 31, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in the above-identified application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 3, 2003, as evidenced by the attached copies of the RCE, the IDS and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office post card receipt, dated stamped on that date.

To date, however, Applicants have not received either an Office Action or a Notice of Allowance indicating that this application has been examined, as requested in the RCE.

Applicants request that either an Office Action or a Notice of Allowance be issued in the subject application or that Applicants' representative be notified as to the status of this application.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven E. Warner", written over a horizontal line.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the accompanying:

- ☐ Specifications, claims and abstract _____ pages, with Transmittal Form
- ☐ Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet _____ sheets
- ☐ Executed Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ _____ Sheets of _____ formal _____ informal drawings
- ☐ Check for \$ _____ (filing fee)
- ☒ Request for Continued Examination and Check for \$ 770.00
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- ☐ Transmittal Under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (CPA)
- ☐ Petition under 37 CFR 1.136 and check for \$ _____

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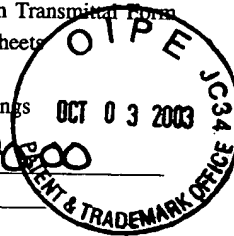
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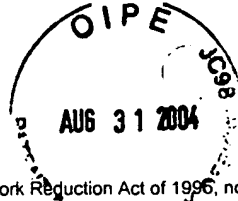
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Examiner Name	K. Brown
Attorney Docket Number	00684.003160

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed including the RCE filing fee.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Steven E. Warner	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	33,326
Signature		Date	October 3, 2003

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